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--Background of the Invention--.

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--Summary of the Invention--.

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--Detailed Description of the Invention--.

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--Brief Description of the Drawings--.

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--Examples--.

In the claims:

✓ Cancel claims 1-31.

Add claims 32-56:

--32. A composition comprising a polymer microparticle and an aqueous solution of DNA, wherein the DNA comprises a coding sequence, wherein the microparticle is 10µm or less in diameter, and wherein the aqueous solution of DNA has an alcohol content of 1 to 40% and is encapsulated inside the microparticle.

33. The composition according to claim 32, wherein the microparticle comprises a biodegradable polymer.

34. The composition according to claim 33, wherein the polymer is selected from the group consisting of a lactide-containing polymer, a glycolide-containing polymer and a polymer comprising lactide and glycolide.

35. The composition according to claim 33, wherein the polymer is soluble in an organic solvent.

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